Development of Food Processing Industries in Andhra Pradesh

468. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to sate:

(a) whether any schemes have been drawn up for the development of Food Processing Industries in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for their implementation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries have a Plan scheme under which financial assistance is extended to State Governments|Cooperative agencies for development of fruit and vegetable processing industries. No special scheme has been drawn up by this Ministry for development of Food Processing Industries in Andhra Pradesh.

Testing of consumer products by Voluntary Consumer Associations

469. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to support comparative testing of consumer products by Voluntary Consumer Associations; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Industrial Development Bank of India or other Public Sector Institutions have decided to give financial support to Consumer Associations for their comparative testing activities; if so, the details and terms thereof; and

(c) whether some consumer association have drawn plans for comparative testing of television sets using Government electronics laboratories and whether Government propose to support and assist the carrying out of tests and publication of the test results by consumer associations; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Government welcomes the idea of comparative testing of consumer products by voluntary consumer associations.

(b) The Department has no information in this regard.

(c) Department of Electronics has received a proposal for assistance from a voluntary consumer organisation for comparative testing of CTV sets. That Department does not propose to undertake a comparative testing itself but is prepared to consider extending assistance including testing facilities for comparative testing under its STQC Programme to consumer associations for such activities.

Allotment of Commercial Flats by the DDA

470. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people registered by the DDA for allotment of commercial flats till date and the year/months when the registration money was accepted;

(b) what steps have been taken in such subsequent year for approval of plans, appointment of contractors, commencement of construction at each of the sites chosen for the buildings for such allotment; and

(c) by when the allotments are likely to be made and what is the proposed time span for handing over of possession?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ((SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Total 699 applications were received from 12-3-84 to 16-4-84 for allotment of 300 commercial flats. Unsuccessful applicants were refunded their registration